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## Aruba vacation is Family Vurnbrand's annual ritual for 18 years



This is the 18th vacation to Aruba for the Vurnbrand Family of Peru. Every year during the Peruvian winter school vacations, the last week of July and the first week of August, it's off to Aruba.

The family group consists of Grandparents Hozkel and Aida, their children, son Abraham with his wife Diana, daughter Sally with her husband Rafael Treistman, and the

six grandchildren, Yair, Joana and Tammy Vurnbrand, and Guil, Naomi and Maya Treistman. This year Yair was not present, as he is spending a year doing studies in Israel.

Besides everyone loving the beach and the friendly people of Aruba, Abraham and Yair have become great at kite surfing, and the rest of the grandchildren are wind surfers. All have become expert scuba divers. The family promises that next year, the 12 of them will again be vacationing on Aruba.

See you all again next year!

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## UN warns of diseases in Pakistan floods



ISLAMABAD (AFP) - The United Nations warned Monday that up to 3.5 million children were at risk from water-borne diseases in Pakistan's floods and said it was bracing for thousands of potential cholera cases.

Fresh rains threaten further anguish for millions of people who have been affected by the country's worst floods for 80 years and UN chief Ban Ki-moon has urged the world to speed up international aid urgently.

Described as the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today, the three-week disaster has affected 20 million people, and has destroyed crops, infrastructure, towns and villages, according to the Pakistani government.

The United Nations has launched an aid appeal for 460 million dollars, but charities say the response has been sluggish and flood survivors on the ground have lashed out against the weak civilian government for failing to help.

Aid agencies are struggling to get funds for millions of Pakistan flood victims because the country suffers from an "image deficit," aid officials said, with some blaming perceived links with the Taliban and terrorism.

Elizabeth Byrs, spokeswoman of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, said: "We note often an image deficit with re-

gards to Pakistan among Western public opinion."

As a result, Pakistan is among countries that are poorly financed, like Yemen," she added.

Melanie Brooks, spokeswoman of the aid group Care International insisted that the United Nations must explain to donor states that "the money is not going to go to the hands of the Taliban."

"The victims are the mothers, the farmers, children. But in the past, information linked to Pakistan has always been linked to (the) Taliban and terrorism," she said.

Maurizio Giuliano, spokesman for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), feared that Pakistan was on the brink of a "second wave of death" unless more donor funds materialised.

"Up to 3.5 million children are at high risk of deadly water-borne diseases, including diarrhoea-related, such as watery diarrhoea and dysentery," he said, estimating the total number at risk from such diseases at six million.

Typhoid and hepatitis A and E are also concerns, he said.

## Top US senator opposes mosque near Ground Zero

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, fighting a tough reelection battle, said Monday a mosque should not be built near the site of the September 11, 2001 terrorist strikes in New York.

The US Constitution's "First Amendment protects freedom of religion. Senator Reid respects that but thinks that the mosque should be built someplace else," said the Nevada lawmaker's spokesman, Jim Manley.

Manley's comments came after President Barack Obama waded into the political controversy at the weekend, saying that the mosque's planners have the right to build at the site, but that he neither explicitly favors nor opposes doing so.

Republicans including former vice presidential hopeful Sarah Palin and some other potential 2012 White House hopefuls have sharply assailed plans to build an Islamic center, including a mosque, two

city blocks away from the site of the former World Trade Center, an urban scar commonly called "Ground Zero."

Manley questioned whether Republicans were "being sincere," noting their ranks in Congress blocked a bill to help emergency workers who responded to the attacks in 2001 and now suffer serious, related health problems.

"If the Republicans are being sincere, they would help us pass this long overdue bill to help the first responders whose health and livelihoods have been devastated because of their bravery on 9-11, rather than continuing to block this much-needed legislation," he said in a statement.

Republicans have denounced the planned construction on grounds that building a Muslim place of worship near the place where Islamist extremists attacked the United States is offensive to the victims of 9-11.

## Screen star Michael Douglas in fight with throat cancer



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Oscar-winning US actor Michael Douglas, 65, is fighting throat cancer and will undergo chemotherapy, People magazine reported Monday.

Hollywood royalty Douglas, a son of screen legend Kirk Douglas, was set to receive eight weeks of radiation and chemotherapy treatment, his spokesman told People online.

His doctors expect Douglas to make a full recovery, the spokesperson added.

"I am very optimistic," Douglas was quoted as saying in a statement.

His spokesperson did not immediately confirm the report to AFP.

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## Rotaract Club of Aruba install new 2010-2011 board



Recently, Rotaract Club of Aruba celebrated its change in the Board of Directors. During a very animated event members said farewell to the 2009-2010 Board of Directors and at the same time celebrated the achievement during that period. Members also welcomed the new 2010-2011 Board of Directors.

Words of success goes to the new board members; President America E. Barrios, Vice-President D. Carolina Lopez Paz, Secretary Cherry Groeneveldt, Treasurer Mireille de Miranda and Club Coordinator Jessy Dhillon.

Outgoing board members comprises President Guise-

laine Oduber, Vice President America E. Barrios. Secretary Ghislaine Paalman, Treasurer Dwight Dider and Club Coordinator Stephanie Camacho.

During the evening outgoing president Guise-laine Oduber presented a short summery of the projects and activities realized during the 2009-2010 period. She also praised and thanked the outgoing board. Carolina Lopez-Paz was chosen as best project leader

for 2009-2010 which was the Aruba Delight stand at the Fiesta Rotaria 2010 and was also chosen Member of The Year 2009-2010.

Rotaract Club of Aruba is an organization of young professionals and advanced students. Rotaract Club of Aruba together with those of Curaçao, Bonaire and western Venezuela are part of the Rotary International district 4370.

The club once more is looking for new members. All young professionals and advanced students between the age of 18 and 30 interested to work for the community - locally and internationally - and willing to develop their personal and professional qualities, while sharing moments of friendship and companionship are welcome to visit the club's website [www.rotaractclubaruba.org](http://www.rotaractclubaruba.org) for more information.

Rotaract Club of Aruba wants to thank everyone who attended the evening and wishes the new Board of Directors lots of success.

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## SETAR N.V. with another Android training on August 25

Last Wednesday, August 11, Aruba's telecommunication company, SETAR N.V. held a free training for all Android phone users, which took place at the SETAR center, in the INTEL building at Seroe Blanco. Because of its big success, SETAR, N.V. is organizing another free training session, next Wednesday, August 25, for everyone who is interested but did not get a seating for the first training session.

SETAR N.V. tries to keep the groups small, so they can offer a better interaction between the instructors and trainees. In the first session Mrs. Roxana Ras and Mr. Harold Semeleer gave a tremendous presentation and explained into the smallest details the Android system and its use.

Android is an operating system for mobile devices such as cellular phones, tablet computers and netbooks, which allows open source de-

velopment. While previous mobile phones had a very rigid development process for applications, phones built with the Android operating system allow anyone to create applications through the Android Market and can be downloaded directly from the handset. Many of these applications are available for free or a very low price. Android offers faster internet browsing, integrated mapping services, and social networking. It also offers synchronized information, e-mail, calendar and more than 40,000 applications all for FREE.

SETAR's goal is to offer the Aruban community the latest in technology. Android offers users the possibility to know and feel the future in telecommunication. By organizing this seminar and training for its clients, it helps them use their phone to the max. With the training clients will get to

know the basics of using Android cell phones, how to use the different applications and other valuable tips.

As a token of appreciation to all those who assisted to the training, SETAR N.V. raffled a prize. Mr. Patrick Swean won a one year free Surf & Mail unlimited subscription. He has an HTC Legend and Surf & Mail unlimited package that uses SETAR's advanced 3G network system.

Everyone with an Android wishing to learn more on the use of this modern technology is welcome to assist the next training, which will take place on Wednesday, August 25, in the INTEL building at Seroe Blanco, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

To guarantee a seating, it is suggested to register via e-mail at [customercare@setar.aw](mailto:customercare@setar.aw) or [www.setar.aw](http://www.setar.aw). Clients can also call 139 for reservations.

Seating is limited, so register on time!

## Lightning crashes Colombian plane, one killed



BOGOTA, Colombia (AFP)

— At least one person was killed and 120 injured yesterday when a plane crash-landed after being struck by lightning at an airport on the Colombian island of San Andres, a resort island of 78,000 people about 120 miles (190 kilometers) east of the Nicaraguan coast, aviation officials said.

Ronald Tascon, director of Colombia's civil aviation authority, said some 120 people

on the Aires airline flight carrying 131 people were hurt in the accident, five of them seriously. Authorities said the Boeing 737-700 plane was struck by lightning upon its descent toward Gustavo Rojas Pinilla airport on the popular resort island.

A statement issued by Colombia's national police department said that the aircraft broke into three pieces in the crash.

The lightning strike occurred with the plane less than 80 meters from the runway just seconds before touching down.

Authorities said the plane departed Bogota shortly after midnight and crashed in San Andres about two hours later.

## Guy Gemore hosts spectacular rooftop Sunset Happy Hour at Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa



Guy Gemore, President at Player's Choice Tours, Greater New York City Area, hosted his annual Sunset Happy Hour at the 9th floor penthouse suite of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. Player's Choice is one of the island's biggest Leisure, Travel & Tourism wholesalers, booking thousands of room-nights into the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa among other high-rise properties.

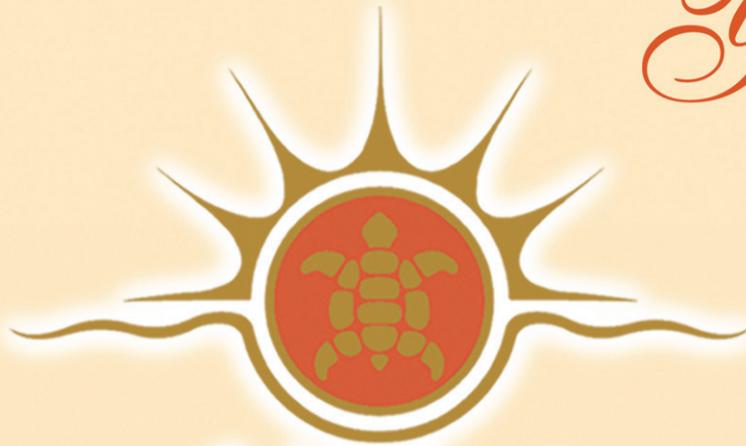
Offering special deals with the hotels that aren't usually published on regular travel sites, Player's Choice has enjoyed repeat business and great loyalty among Aruba's lovers for the past 20 years.

Guy, a consummate professional and the perfect host, received a special gift of his own, when Guy's good friend, Radisson's General Manager Rob Smith and his daughter Montana, presented him with a caricature, drawn by the famous Sunset Grille Restaurant Wall of Fame artist.

The resort banquet and catering team did a fabulous job paired with a spectacular sunset over Palm Beach, serving delicious cocktails over traditional and exotic hors d'oeuvres.

Photos show the nicely relaxed crowd of cocktail party invitees.





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## Xpression courses for kids by Gwendy Sneek



Gwendy Sneek

In the month of September, Gwendy Sneek will introduce a new course for kids between 7 and 12 called Xpression.

Some of us grew up with storytelling at home, poetry and other forms of literature. We still remember the famous poem 'He patu,' by Curacao-born Ellis Juliana.

The aim of Xpression is to instill in children from early age on, the interest and love for literature, specifically in its oral and artistic form thru, for example, storytelling, declamation, recital and si-

mulated conversation combined with corporal expressions, meditation and visualization.

Xpression uses this combination to stimulate a better pronunciation, intonation, fluency, articulation and rhythm when expressing verbally; necessary elements for a good communication. The language is Papiamento, the primary instrument of our daily communication.

On Wednesday, August 25 there will be an informative evening, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m at the Da Vinci Academy. Everyone can talk with the teachers, ask questions and register for the course.

For more information, readers may call Gwendy Sneek at tel. 7473494 or visit the website [www.davinci-aruba.com](http://www.davinci-aruba.com).

Da Vinci Academy is a new music and art center. The academy offers courses of music, visual art, drama and expression. Its goal is to provide a professional and disciplined, yet fun and supportive atmosphere where students of all levels can succeed. At the academy, they not only to



teach "how" but to cultivate the "why," forming a deep appreciation for art.

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Armand Simon (piano), Martin Buitenweg (guitar), Marieke Ladrak (AMV- General Music Education), Doodle Sophia (cuarta- 4-string guitar), Nicole Wijnen (singing), Hester Matthijsse

(violin), Belinda de Veer (visual art), Danilo Geerman (visual art), Alexandra Bauschat (yoga), Gwendy Sneek (Xpression) and Femke Hooijmaaijers (drama).

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**THE MORNING NEWS**

**Science/Tech**

**For Android newbies: questions, answered**

Sure, you've heard of Android — as in Android phones, which are multiplying like rabbits and taking the smartphone world by storm, giving even the mighty iPhone a run for its money. But are you still a little shaky on the Android basics? Do you turn into a wallflower when the subject comes up during cocktail parties? Read on.

**What is Android, anyway?**

At the most basic level, Android is an operating system for touchscreen smartphones — it's the software engine that drives all the menus, windows, home screens and internal operations of any Android-powered smartphone, the same way that iOS powers the iPhone and the BlackBerry OS runs BlackBerry handsets.

Android was developed by Google and first announced in 2007, with the very first Android-based phone — the T-Mobile G.

**What's so special about Android?**

Unlike the proprietary iPhone operating system (now known as "iOS"), which is under the complete control of Apple — and the same goes for Research in Motion's BlackBerry OS or Microsoft's Windows Phone platform — Google released Android as an open-source OS under the auspices of the Open Handset Alliance, leaving phone manufacturers (relatively) free to tweak Android as they see fit for a given handset.

That's one thing that's special about Android. Another thing is that it just happens to be a really good OS, the first one in the post-iPhone wireless era to really give Apple a run for its money. Android is fast and powerful, with an intuitive user interface that's packed with options and flexibility. It's also being constantly improved courtesy of the big brains at Google, making the Android experience sleeker by the day.

**Are Android phones called "Droids"?**

Not necessarily. "Droid" is a brand name used by Verizon Wireless for its Android-based phones — the Droid X, the Droid Eris, the Droid Incredible and so on. The HTC Evo 4G on Sprint is not a "Droid," per se, but it's still an Android smartphone.

**Why choose an Android phone over an iPhone?**

One reason to go the Google way is that Android phones boast tight integration with Google services like Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Contacts and Google Voice — perfect for anyone who uses Google for all their e-mails, contacts and events. Indeed, one of the coolest things about Android phones is that the first time you fire one up, you enter your Google user name and password, and voila: All your Google messages, contacts and other info start syncing into your new handset automatically, no desktop syncing needed.

Android is also far more open when it comes to applications. Whereas Apple takes a "walled garden" approach to its App Store, Google won't restrict you from installing apps that aren't featured in its official Android Marketplace. iPhone users, on the other hand, must "jailbreak" their phones if they want to install apps that weren't approved by Apple for inclusion in the App Store.

Last but not least, because Android is open to all manufacturers, a wide variety of Android phones are available to choose from — big and small, souped-up and pared-down, some with slide-out keyboards (good luck convincing Steve Jobs to put a slide-out QWERTY on the iPhone) and some that are all-touchscreen, all the time. Indeed, in the past few months, a new Android phone has debuted practically every week, while we only get a single new iPhone each year.

**What are the downsides of Android?**

The Android OS isn't quite as forgiving to wireless beginners as the iPhone is. Setting up your e-mail, contacts and calendar on Android is a breeze (if you're all about Gmail, that is), but when it comes to, say, your music and videos, you're on your own with Android, which lacks an official media syncing client for the desktop. With the iPhone, you do all your syncing on easy-to-use iTunes, which also lets you manage your e-mail accounts, contacts, apps and photos. Then again, you can only use iTunes for syncing the iPhone, while Android users have a variety of third-party options.

That's just one example, but in general, Android gives you more options and choices about how you manage your phone and your mobile content — great for experienced and advanced users, but potentially intimidating for newbies.

On the other hand, while beginners might appreciate the (usually) smooth, user-friendly experience that Apple has devised for the iPhone, advanced users may (and often do) get frustrated by Apple's tight control over what they can and can't do on the iPhone. It's a trade-off, plain and simple, and your choice of platform depends on what's right for you.

**How many apps are available for Android?**

About 70,000 or so, growing by the day — still just a fraction of the 225,000-plus apps in the Apple App Store, but the official Android Marketplace has quite the head of steam, not to mention plenty of goodwill from the developer community given that Google doesn't give apps the star-chamber treatment.

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### Infidelity rises when she makes more than he does



A new study finds that men are more likely to cheat if their income is much lower than what their wife or female partner makes, while women are more likely to fool around if they make more than their husband or male partner.

The findings suggest that disparities in moneymaking play a significant role in infidelity, at least among the young couples they studied.

"With women, they were less likely to engage in infidelity the less money they make relative to their husband," said study author Christin Munsch. Munsch, a graduate student at Cornell University, said she came up with the idea of studying the effects of income on infidelity after hearing from a friend who has cheated on his partner. He told Munsch that

"she made all the money, she had all the friends, and he'd moved up there to be with her. He felt completely powerless."

So she examined the results of a national survey that tracked 9,000 people beginning in 1997 when they were children. She focused on the results of the survey from 2001-2007, when the participants were between 17 and 27 years old.

Munsch found that almost 7 percent of the men reported having sex outside their relationships between 2002 and 2007, while about 3 percent of women did. Black and Hispanic men were more likely than white men to have fooled around.

Two lifestyle factors, higher education and regular religious observance, seem to help keep infidelity at bay for both men and women, the study found.

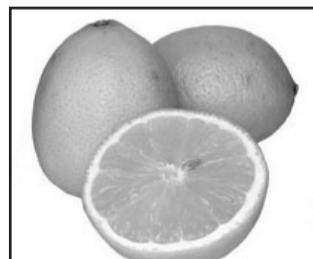
But factors having to do with money -- such as the man making more or less than his wife or female partner -- did increase the risk of

If you're a woman and "you make more money than your partner, your partner isn't 100 percent likely to cheat," Munsch stressed.

Still, money appeared to be a significant factor.

Men who make less than their wives may lean toward infidelity because they feel a "gender identity threat," Munsch speculated.

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Providing home care to elderly people after they've had hip surgery improves their chances of survival, finds a new study.

Canadian researchers looked at 11,326 men and women age 65 and older in Quebec who had partial hip surgery between 1997 and 2004. Those who received home care after leaving the hospital were 43 percent less likely to die within three months after their surgery than those who didn't receive

home care.

The study also found that men were more likely than women to die, and patients hospitalized longer had higher survival rates.

With the exception of atrial fibrillation and acute kidney failure, co-existing health conditions didn't seem to influence the chances of receiving home care, the researchers said in a news release from the publisher.

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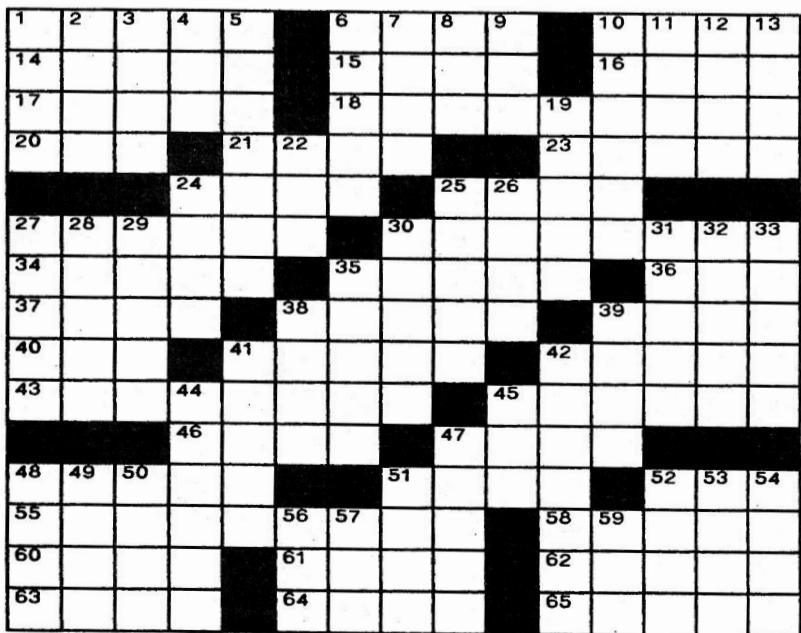
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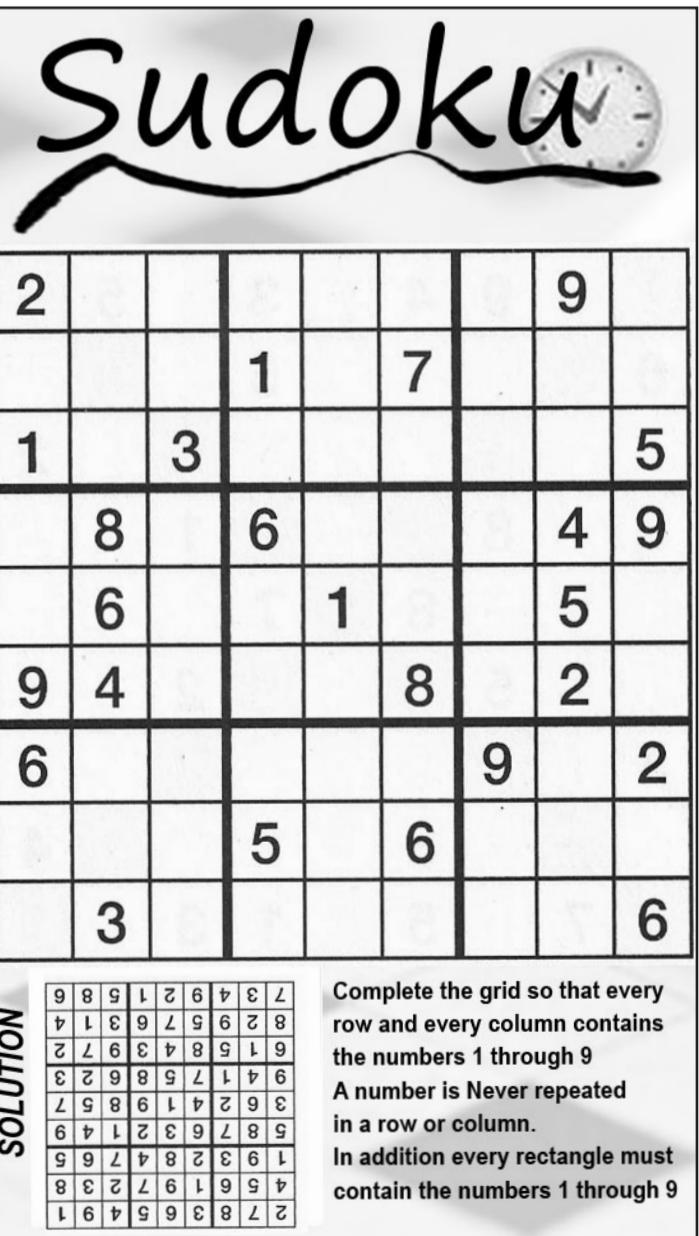
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**Eurozone inflation rises to 1.7% in July**

BRUSSELS, August 16, 2010 (AFP) - Inflation in the 16-nation eurozone rose to 1.7 percent in July, its highest level in nearly two years, European Union data showed yesterday confirming a previous estimate.

The 12-month rate had slipped to 1.4 percent in June, but has risen almost continuously from 0.5 percent last November as the bloc emerged from the worst recession since the 1930s.

Inflation in the single cur-

rency area in July was the highest since November 2008, when it stood at 2.1 percent -- just above the European Central Bank's core economic target of 2.0 percent.

In the wider, 27-nation EU, which includes non-euro member Britain, annual inflation rose to 2.1 percent in July compared to 1.9 percent a month earlier, the EU's Eurostat data agency, the Statistical Office of the European Communities, said.

**The hidden benefits of your business can put you way ahead of the competition  
Here's how to find them!**

by Ken Varga



Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

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Hi again, and welcome.

As you probably already know, it's benefits that customers buy, not features.

In this tip, let's talk about how to develop benefits that sell your products.

All products and services have obvious benefits to your customers.

But there are quite a few hidden benefits in products that are not obvious to your customers.

When you can educate your potential customers about these hidden benefits that make your product or service more valuable to them, you will have created a never-ending stream of new customers beating a path to your business.

To begin with, start by pretending this is a brand new product, even if it's 10 years old. Pretend that your customer has never used or seen this product.

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There is also another benefit you will receive when you find out the hidden benefits of your product.

It will separate you from your competitor.

People buy based on emotion and not logic.

Customers never sit down and compare the merits of products in a logical manner. It just doesn't happen.

People make emotional decisions and then create a reason to themselves that justify their decision.

Let's review the difference between a feature and a benefit.

A feature is what a product has. For example "New and improved formula."

A benefit would be: "Our new improved formula makes skin softer and smoother."

How can you tell the difference between what's a feature and a benefit?

Well, you can ask the question: "How will that benefit me?" If you get an answer, then you're still looking at feature.

Keep asking yourself that same question, over and over again, until you don't get an answer. That last answer you come up with then is your benefit.

To begin with, start by pretending this is a brand new product, even if it's 10 years old. Pretend that your customer has never used or seen this product.

As we did above, take each feature and list the benefits the

customers receive because of that feature.

Then ask customer about the product. Can they think of other ways to use this product? What are the benefits to them? This might surprise you.

If this is a new product, test it with a few customers to get their feedback.

Does the product deliver true value to the customer?

Believe me, the more benefits the product has, the less important price becomes.

And the more value you place factually on those benefits, the higher price customers will be willing to pay.

Last, but not least, you must reflect the benefits you have discovered in all of your advertising and promotions.

One warning though... when you do this, your competition will most probably follow your lead and do the same thing. However, in the eyes of your customers and your potential customers, they will always know that you did it first.

It's always better to be the company introducing the benefits that the copycat.

Well, that's it for this tip. In the next tip, I'm going to write about advertising and how to really make it effective.

To your success,

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**Major gem trading company bans Zimbabwe diamonds**

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AFP) - A major gem trading group yesterday banned the sale of diamonds from Zimbabwe's Marange mines, saying the watchdog Kimberley Process could not guarantee they were not "blood diamonds."

The US-based Rapaport Group, one of the world's largest gem trading networks, said it would expel any traders who knowingly sold diamonds from Marange, despite a decision by the UN-sanctioned Kimberley Process to allow Zimbabwe to proceed with an auction of some of the diamonds last week.

"We will not tolerate the use of our trading networks for

the distribution of diamonds involved in human rights violations," said a statement from chairman Martin Rapaport.

"RapNet, the Rapaport Diamond Trading Network, will not allow the trading of any diamonds sourced from Marange, Zimbabwe. Members found to have knowingly offered Marange diamonds for sale on RapNet will be expelled and their names will be publicly communicated."

The Zimbabwean military seized control of the Marange fields in late 2008, forcing out tens of thousands of small-scale miners and killing about 200, according to human rights groups.

Soldiers then beat and

raped villagers to force them to mine the gems in early 2009, the groups say.

Kimberley Process monitors last month ruled that abuses at Marange had stopped and allowed cash-starved Zimbabwe to hold an auction for stones mined during the last two months.

But Rapaport, an industry firebrand which has sharply criticized the Kimberley Process, said the watchdog group could not guarantee the mining of the stones was free of violence.

"There is no assurance that diamonds with Kimberley Process certification are free of human rights violations," he said.

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# Celebrity presence the novelty at Indian weddings



NEW DELHI (AFP) - R.K. Chudawala, a diamond merchant in New Delhi, added sparkle to his wedding last year by hiring top Bollywood stars to attend the celebrations -- but he comes over all coy when asked for details.

"The idea was to stun the guests, make the mood glamorous and bring Bollywood into our lives," said Chudawala, 34, as he recalled his eight-day wedding party held in Singapore.

The lengthy extravaganza was sprinkled with an array of Indian film and television stars, who flew in to mingle with family and friends at

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evening parties, as well as to dance with the bride and groom.

For Chudawala, it was an impressive display of his family's wealth and influence, and his house in Delhi is full of photographs showing smiling wedding guests posing with Bollywood pin-ups.

But, reflecting India's complex attitudes to privacy, Chudawala only shows the photographs to visitors on the strict condition that they do not reveal the identity of the star guests.

"It is a necessary rule both for them and for us," he said

decided that it had to come off. Quite scary.

So now I have only three legs and although I still need a lot of extra care, I am improving every day. But the people of the Donkey foundation are still reeling from my hospital bills...

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Sanjay Dharewa, who owns a celebrity management company in the eastern city of Kolkata, explains that the rented "star guest" phenomenon is due to newly-rich Indian families seeking prestige to underline their wealth.

"Hiring Bollywood actors to make a guest appearance at a wedding is the best way to entertain guests," he said. "It displays your spending power."

Dharewa, who has a reputation for cutting deals with A-list names like Shah Rukh Khan and Hrithik Roshan, says Bollywood actors are often willing to spare time to attend weddings when they are not shooting films.

"Sometimes if the families are willing to give a hefty fee then actors even change their work schedule," he said, adding that families also plan their pre-wedding parties around the stars' diaries.

"Even though everyone knows it is a financial deal, the actors make the family members feel as if they are genuine friends. They hug the groom and bride, crack a joke: all this is just to lift the couple's status," Dharewa told AFP.

And it can be quick bucks too. "Come for ten minutes, smile, talk to the guests, make the hosts feel special and get out. That's it," he said.

A 2010 report by Capgemini and Merrill Lynch Wealth Management said India's dollar millionaire population grew by 51 percent last year to 126,700 individuals.

With weddings traditionally the central focus of Indian life, the new wave of money has created ever-higher demands for lavish, unique marriage celebrations.

Gimmicks include tulips flown from Holland and gold sovereigns given as gifts to every guest.

"A wedding is the best way to shout, scream, and use every method you can to announce: I am rich. And you are my guest," said Raghav Chopra, a Delhi-based wedding consultant.

In 2004, the marriage of industrialist L. N. Mittal's daughter, Vanisha, epitomised how modern weddings can match the extravagance of India's lost era of maharajahs.

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## Dylan to unveil new paintings in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AFP) - American music legend Bob Dylan, who has turned to painting in his later years, will unveil a new set of works in Copenhagen next month, the National Gallery of Denmark announced Monday.

Some 40 acrylic paintings and eight drawings from Dylan's "Brazil Series" created especially for Denmark's largest museum, also known as the Statens Museum for Kunst, will go on display from September 4 to January 30.

"It was an honor to be asked and a thrilling challenge," said the 68-year-old folk music icon better known for his songs such as "Mr Tambourine Man" and "Blowin' in the Wind".

"I chose Brazil as a subject because I have been there many times and I like the atmosphere," Dylan said in a statement published by the museum.

His new paintings "show the scenes from daily life in the cities, the slums and the

countryside in Brazil where Bob Dylan has been several times," the museum's curator and director, Kaspar Monrad told AFP.

The collection includes depictions of wine growers, gypsies, politicians, gamblers and gangsters, "underlying the artist's fascination for the diversity of this country," Monrad added.

Dylan's style was "inspired by American realism from the start of the 20th century and deep affinity with painters... such as Matisse in the 1920s," the curator said.

It was the Danish museum that contacted Dylan's agent at the end of 2008 to invite him to paint a new set of works for the gallery, which Dylan worked on between 2009 and the first half of this year.

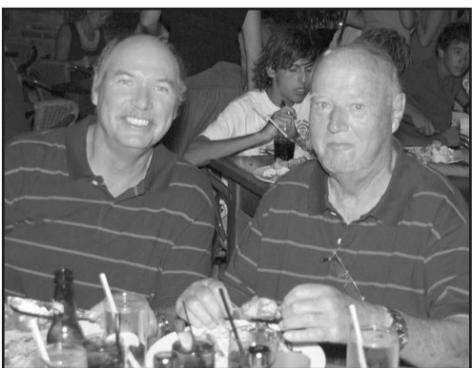
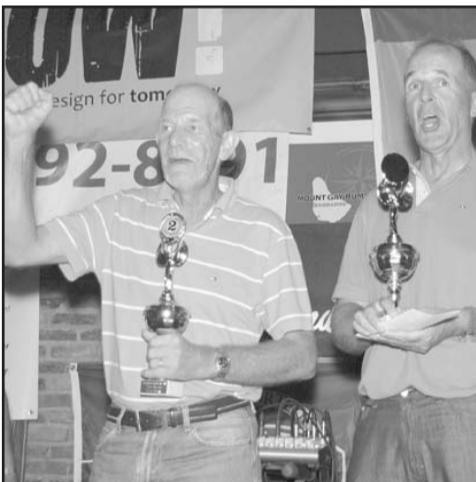
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# The 2nd Annual Rembrandt Regatta proves the event is here to stay



A year ago, a group of Aruban sailing enthusiasts obtained sponsorship from the new Rembrandt Café in the South Beach Center to organize a fun filled two-day event for all classes of boats, from sunfish to racing, including events for young island windsurfers.

What it lacked in numbers, it made up for in enthusiasm and fun. One year later, it has attracted twice the number of participants from half a dozen

countries, and the Aruba Rembrandt Regatta has secured its place as an annual event on Aruba's waters.

The award ceremony at the Rembrandt Café was a festive affair, ebullient winners made their way to the stage to receive trophies, cases of Polar Beer or bottles of Mount Gay Rum, and for the top winners, a check from this year's new sponsor, Jotun Anti-fouling paint from Sikkens, their distributors on Aruba.

One of the most exciting and demanding races of the event, open to all classes of boats, is the "Round Aruba Race" on Saturday. Normally it would take 8 hours or so, but a serious drop in wind resulted in third and second

place winners crossing the finish line in complete darkness. A well deserved first place trophy went to the regatta's founder, Eric Mijts and his crew, sailing the Eva Luna.

Young windsurfers taking home first place trophies were Milan de Jonge in the Superkids Division and, Ethan Westra in the Prokids. Ethiene Soliano claimed first place in the brand new Masters Division for competitors over 35. "Pechie" from the Czech Republic was declared "the fastest man on the water" for taking first place in the Kite Racing Division.

Jurgen Schnieder of Curaçao was on a plane home when declared the winner in the Sunfish Class; but Theo Valize of Aruba was proud to come and claim his prize for first place in the Beach Cat races. The crew from Screaming Eagle, captained

by William van Ramshorst, won first place in the Cruising Class, and the fastest boat on the water and top all around winners in Racing Class was Sunbelt Realty of Curaçao sailing a Dash 41803 captained by Remco van Dortmondt.

Eric Mijts calculated that at one point on Sunday, the regatta had 150 competitors out on the water, hailing from Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, St.

Maartan, the U.S. Holland, Belgium, Latin American, and that wild card from Czech Republic. Organizers and Stephen Leggers of Rembrandt Café expressed extreme satisfaction with this year's enthusiastic and increased participation; they foresee the Rembrandt Regatta evolving into a major international sailing event for the region. For full racing results visit their website: [www.aruba-regatta.com](http://www.aruba-regatta.com).

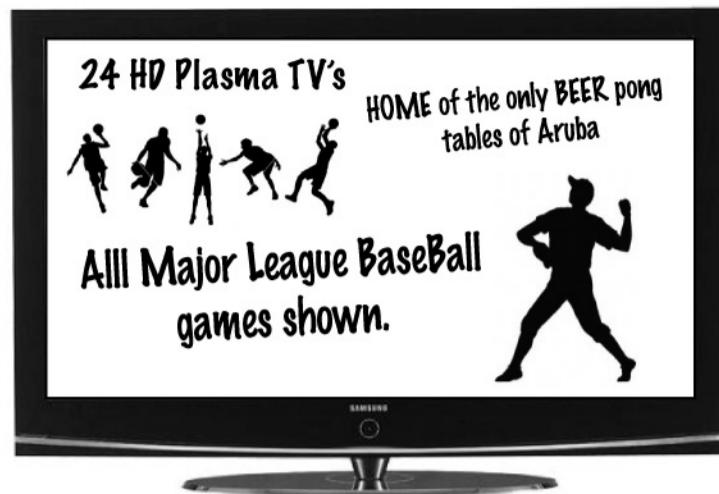


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## Pavin high on Tiger but no guarantees for Ryder Cup



**Pavin at a press conference yesterday**

MILWAUKEE (AFP) - US Ryder Cup captain Corey Pavin said Monday that Tiger Woods is "high on my list" of possible captain's picks, but still would not say for certain the world number one would be chosen.

Speaking a day after Woods finished tied for 28th at the PGA Championship, Pavin praised Woods but would not commit to adding him as one of four picks he has to complete a 12-man roster after eight players qualified on points Sunday.

Woods has not won since a sex scandal exploded around him last November, leading to a five-month golf layoff and the destruction of an iconic image that made him the first billion-dollar sportsman.

After firing the worst 72-hole score of his 14-year professional career and his first over-par four rounds at any event since 2003 the week before at a World Golf Championships event, Woods improved his form at the last 2010 major.

"He played better last week," Pavin said. "He's working on some things that

seem to be improving his game. So I was obviously pleased to see that happen."

Woods said he wants to play on the US Ryder Cup team that will defend the trophy against Europe on October 1-3 in Wales.

"He wants to play and he wants to be on the team," Pavin said. "Again, he's high on my list. He's certainly a big consideration, no doubt."

Among the other US players hoping for a Ryder Cup captain's pick are 2009 US Open winner Lucas Glover, 2009 British Open champion Stewart Cink, Anthony Kim, Zach Johnson, Bo Van Pelt, Ben Crane, Nick Watney, Sean O'Hair and Rick Barnes.

Woods, who finished nine strokes behind German winner Martin Kaymer at the PGA, has now matched the longest major win drought of his career at 10, the most recent of his 14 major titles coming at the 2008 US Open.

Woods, still chasing the record 18 majors won by Jack Nicklaus, is expected by many to be on the US squad despite a losing record in foursomes and four-ball

matches in Ryder Cup play.

But Pavin made it clear that the public will not know until the four captain's choices are revealed on September 7.

"Come September 7, I will let you guys know who those four are going to be," Pavin said. "But (Woods) and a lot of other guys are up on my list and probably that list will grow in the next three weeks."

World number two Phil Mickelson, Hunter Mahan, Bubba Watson, Jim Furyk, Steve Stricker, Dustin Johnson, Jeff Overton and Matt Kuchar all seized Ryder Cup spots based on a two-year American qualifying system.

### FIFA team to inspect Russia's World Cup bid

MOSCOW (AFP) - A delegation of FIFA inspectors arrived on Monday in Saint Petersburg to evaluate the viability of Russia's bid to host the 2018 or the 2022 World Cup.

The six-man board, led by the Chilean Football Federation President Harold Mayne-Nicholls, landed at St Petersburg's Pulkovo airport to open a round of visits to the country's proposed World Cup host cities.

They were joined by Russian Football Union (RFU) chief Sergei Fursenko and Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko, who are set to present the country's bid to FIFA delegates.

Russia is the inspectors' fifth stop in their tour of nine countries that are bidding to host the 2018 or 2022 tournaments.

### Next test for Pettitte to come on Tuesday

KANSAS CITY -- Andy Pettitte's next test will come on Tuesday at Yankee Stadium, as the left-hander will play catch and could possibly progress to throwing off the mound the same day.

Pettitte checked out fine in tests performed at Kauffman Stadium with head athletic trainer Gene Monahan, who has no qualms about getting Pettitte back in action as he attempts to return from a left groin strain that has kept him out since July 19.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi said that if Tuesday's session goes well, Pettitte could possibly throw in a simulated game by Friday, although it was not clear if he would travel back to Tampa, Fla.

"If he feels good Tuesday, it's possible," Girardi said. "There's some different things we can do. You'd like to keep him off a plane if you could."

Pettitte threw 50 pitches on Friday at the club's Minor League complex in Tampa, but said he was hesitant to let the offerings fly at more than 75 percent.

"Whenever I go to [throw] home and I want to do what I normally do, my body is saying, 'Don't do it,'" Pettitte said. "I really don't know if it's strength or what that is. ... I think it's a little bump in the road. I think I'm going to get there."

A-Rod driving in runs at an impressive rate

### Dent, Troicki book dates with Nadal and Djokovic



who lost to eventual champion Britain's Andy Murray last Saturday in a semi-final at the ATP Toronto Masters event.

Nadal, who has won 34 of his past 36 matches, was among the eight top seeds who received a first-round bye at the three million-dollar hardcourt event, the final major tuneup ahead of the US Open, which begins in two weeks.

Second-seeded Serb Djokovic, will open with a second-round match against compatriot Troicki, who beat Czech Radek Stepanek 7-5, 6-1, in his Monday opener.

Frenchman Paul-Henri Mathieu also put himself in the path of a seed, outlasting Romania's Victor Hanesu 6-7 (6/8), 7-6 (7/2), 6-3, to book a second-round match against Czech seventh seed Tomas Berdych.



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## McGrady signs one-year deal with Pistons

DETROIT (AFP) - Tracy McGrady, who has played only 65 games in the past two NBA seasons due to knee injuries, signed a one-year free agent deal with the Detroit Pistons worth 1.3 million dollars on Monday.

The 31-year-old guard struggled last season in 24 games for the New York Knicks, averaging only 9.4 points as a starter after averaging 22.1 points a game in 12 prior NBA seasons.

"I was coming back from an injury and I wasn't healthy enough to play the way that I will be able to play this season," McGrady said. "The

difference between my knee last year and this year is night and day."

McGrady's stops have included three seasons in Toronto, four in Orlando and five with Houston. McGrady has never played on a team that advanced past the first round of the NBA playoffs.

McGrady won NBA scoring crowns in 2003 and 2004, averaging a career-best 32.1 points a game in Orlando in 2003 and 28.0 points a game the following season before being traded to Houston.

In recent seasons, the playmaker has struggled with back woes and microfracture knee surgery.

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## Sehwag powers India to win with unbeaten 99

DAMBULLA (AFP) - Virender Sehwag cracked a robust 99 not out to help India post a comfortable six-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in the triangular one-day series on Monday.

The opener hit two sixes and 11 fours in his 100-ball knock as India raced to the 171-run target with more than 15 overs to spare in the day-night match for their first win in two matches.

New Zealand and Sri Lanka also have one win each in two matches. Each side will play the other twice in the preliminary league before the top two qualify for the final on August 28.

Sehwag, 31, was one short of his 13th one-day hundred when the match ended with off-spinner Suraj Randiv's no-ball, which was eventually smashed for a six by the batsman.

"It happens in cricket," said man-of-the-match Sehwag. "The other team doesn't want anybody to score a hundred against them.

"They tried their best. It doesn't matter to me -- 99 or 100. We were thinking of the bonus point and got it."

Sri Lankan seamers Angelo Mathews took two wickets and Dilhara Fernando one to reduce India to 32-3 before Sehwag came to his team's rescue with a responsible innings.

He put on 59 for the fourth wicket with Suresh Raina (21) and 80 for the unbroken fifth wicket with skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni (23 not out) to ensure an emphatic victory.

India earlier put in a disciplined bowling performance to bowl Sri Lanka out for 170.

